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SENATE BILL

No. 484

Introduced by Senator Lowenthal

February 22, 2007

An act to add Section 101.13 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 484, as amended, Lowenthal. Highway and structural designations.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways. Existing law imposes various requirements on the department regarding the placement of specified signs on state highways.

This bill would establish specified conditions that would be required to be satisfied in order for a segment of a state highway or a highway structure to be named or designated in honor of a person or entity.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 101.13 is added to the Streets and
- 2 Highways Code, to read:
- 3 101.13. (a) Consistent with the signing requirements for the
- 4 state highway system, the department shall erect appropriate
- 5 plaques and markers naming or designating specified segments of
- 6 the state highway system or highway structures in honor of a person
- 7 or entity if all of the following conditions are met:

1 (1) The naming or designation is requested in writing by a
2 Member of the Legislature who represents the district in which
3 the highway or structure is located.

4 (2) (A) The request identifies the specific highway segment or
5 structure to be named or designated.

6 (B) If a segment of highway is to be named or designated, it
7 shall not exceed five miles in length.

8 (3) If the segment or structure is being named for a person, that
9 person shall meet one of the following criteria:

10 (A) The person is ~~deceased~~ *deceased*.

11 (B) The person was an elected official and is no longer in office
12 or a candidate for office.

13 (4) The request indicates that the person or entity being honored
14 has provided extraordinary public service or some exemplary
15 contribution to the public good and has a connection to the
16 community where the highway segment or structure is located.

17 (5) The request indicates that the naming or designation reflects
18 a community consensus and is without local opposition.

19 (6) The naming or designation does not supersede any existing
20 designation unless the requestor can document that there is no
21 opposition to rescinding the existing designation from the party
22 or individuals that sponsored the original designation.

23 (7) The department has received sufficient funds from nonstate
24 sources to cover the costs, as determined by the department, of
25 reviewing the request and erecting the appropriate plaques and
26 markers.

27 (8) The naming or designation meets any other conditions
28 established by the department.

29 (b) The naming or designation shall be posted for seven years
30 from the date of initial placement, or until the date the department
31 determines that the condition of the sign has deteriorated to the
32 point that it is no longer serviceable, whichever occurs first.